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For: METHOD FOR PREDICTIVE MAINTENANCE OF A CUTTING UNIT OF AN
AUTOMATIC MACHINE**VIA EFS-WEB**

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
REMARKS/ARGUMENT

This Response is filed in reply to the Restriction Requirement mailed April 30, 2008.

For purposes of this Restriction Response, Applicant elects the invention of Group A1. Applicant further states that the claims readable on the elected Group are claims 2 and 3. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter covered in the non-elected claims.

The Examiner's assertion that claim 1 is generic to all A groups, claims 1 and 30 are generic to all B groups, and claims 1 and 42 are generic to all C groups is noted. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 6-45 are generic to all A groups; that claims 1-30 and 33-45 are generic to all B groups; and that claims 1-42 and 45 are generic to all C groups.

Upon allowance of a generic claim, withdrawal of the election requirement will be appropriate. If the Examiner disagrees with the conclusions asserted above, he is respectfully requested to contact the applicant's undersigned representative.

Early and favorable consideration of the present application is earnestly solicited.

If this communication is filed after the statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner for Patents is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which

will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. §1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

Respectfully submitted,

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